

What is Gray Water?

Gray water is the wastewater that is collected from the drains of:

- Hand-washing sinks
- Showers
- Bathtubs
- Clothes-washing machines



Gray water is NOT the water that comes from:

- Dishwashers
- Toilets
- Kitchen sinks
- Laundry sinks

Gray Water Do's and Don'ts

- Gray water may be used to irrigate by flooding, through underground pipes or a drip system.
- Do not spray irrigate with gray water. Don't let it run off – gray water must be used on your property.
- Gray water may be used for household gardening, composting, lawn watering and landscape watering.
- Surface watering of gray water may not be used to irrigate food plants, except for citrus and nut trees.
- Avoid detergents that contain boron or are high in salts. They are toxic to plants.
- Water from softening systems that use sodium chloride should not be used for gray water. The salt from this type of water softening will harm plants.



For more information
on the Gray Water Rebate Program
and other rebate programs
call Tucson Water at 791-4331 or visit
www.tucsonaz.gov/water/rebate

If you require materials in an accessible format
or in a language other than English, call Tucson Water
at 791-4331 or City of Tucson TDD at 791-2639.



Single Family RESIDENTIAL GRAY WATER

Rebate Program

32% of typical household
wastewater can be re-used
as gray water for landscape plants.





Tucson Water will rebate 1/3 of qualifying gray water irrigation system costs up to \$200 per household.

The rebate covers both materials and installation costs.

Tucson Water customers must meet the program guidelines in order to qualify for the rebate.



The Program:

- The installation residence must be located within Tucson Water's service area.
- Rebates are available for retrofitting existing homes, as well as connecting new homes to gray water irrigation systems.
- The system must be permanent.
- A permit may be required. See application for details.
- Rebate applications must be complete and are subject to verification and fund availability.
- Applicant must attend a workshop to qualify for the rebate.



The Workshop will cover the appropriate methods to design, operate and maintain a gray water system and the local regulations regarding use.

- To qualify for the rebate all applicants must attend a 2-hour residential gray water workshop.
- The workshop will cover Best Management Practices which comply with Arizona's rules for gray water use.
- To sign up for the workshop call SmartScape at 626-5161 or log on to www.tucsonaz.gov/water/rebate for a class schedule.